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Ava Sasani

Dear Ms. Sasani:

This responds to your public records request received by this office on July 2, 2019 seeking:

“All documents and official communications pertaining to State Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Richard K. Sullivan’s finding, in March 2013, that the BU Biolab (officially called “the Boston University National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory”) “adequately and properly complies” with state environmental law. This includes memorandums and reports used to evaluate or analyze the environmental impact report submitted to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs by Boston University in spring 2013 (cited in the following article):

<https://www.boston.com/uncategorized/noprimarytagmatch/2013/03/01/boston-university-biolab-wins-state-approval-of-its-environmental-review>”.

Due to the magnitude and complexity of your request, we will need additional time to process this production. We currently expect to produce responsive records by July 25, 2019.

At this time, we are unable to determine with specificity whether any public records or portions of records will be withheld or redacted in response to your request, and we are unable to identify the specific basis for any such withholding. We are not charging any fees for this request.

If you wish to challenge any aspect of this response, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records following the procedure set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy of which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/>. You may also file a civil action in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jennifer Sulla

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